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SUBJECT: YOUNG CONSERVATIVES TO VISIT CHINA

1. A GROUP OF 12 YOUNG CONSERVATIVES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO VISIT CHINA FOR TWO TO THREE WEEKS THIS SPRING. CHINESE HAVE OFFERED TO PAY EXPENSES AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GROUP AFTER ARRIVAL IN CHINA, AND GROUP IS ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAVEL COSTS TO AND FROM CHINA.

2. EXACT DATES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED, BUT VISIT WILL LIKELY TAKE PLACE IN MARCH. A NUMBER OF YOUNG CONSERVATIVES HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR TRIP WHICH WILL COST BETWEEN 100 AND 400 POUNDS.

3. OFFICIAL MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRIP IS PETER HOULDEN, WHO IS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF YOUNG CONSERVATIVES IN CONSERVATIVE PARTY CENTRAL HEAD-QUARTERS. HOULDEN TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER FEBRUARY 2 THAT FINAL IMPETUS IN ARRANGING THE TRIP HAD BEEN RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF TRIP TO CHINA BY FORMER LEADER EDWARD HEATH.

4. WHILE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES WILL COORDINATE PLANS FOR
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THEIR TRIP WITH FCO, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE THEM

WITH NAME OF AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN BOTH HONG KONG AND
PEKING WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING OF THEIR IM-
PRESSIONS AS WELL AS DETAILS OF THEIR TRIP.

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